

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic container comprising a container section, a lid section for opening and closing the cosmetic container, and one or two replaceable covers detachably attached on, and replaceably covering, one or both of said lid section and said container section.

2. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic container as claimed in claim 1, wherein engaging mechanisms are provided between said replaceable cover and said lid section or between said replaceable cover and said container section such that these are releasably engaged with each other.

3. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic container as claimed in claim 2, wherein a resiliently deformable bending piece is formed on either said replaceable cover or one of said container section and said lid section, and said engaging mechanism comprises an engaging member formed on said bending piece, and a coacting member formed on the other, namely either said replaceable cover or one of said container section and said lid section that remains, and adapted to releasably engage said engaging member.

4. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic container as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein there are provided, at both ends of the container between said container section and said lid section, a hinge joining said container section and said lid section such that these can pivot on said hinge, and a latch mechanism retaining a closed state in which said lid section is closed over said container section, said engaging mechanisms being provided adjacent to said latch mechanism and said hinge, respectively.

5. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic container comprising a container section, a lid section for opening and closing the cosmetic container, a replaceable cover replaceably attached on, and covering, said lid section, a through-hole formed in said lid section so as to extend toward said replaceable cover, an engaging member formed to protrude ~~[[in]]~~ into said through-

hole, a handle formed in said replaceable cover and extending through said through-hole to be exposed in said lid section, and a coacting member formed on said handle and releasably engaging said engaging member.

6. (Original) A cosmetic container as claimed in claim 5, wherein said replaceable cover is provided to cover the upper surface of said lid section, a hinge element which is formed on said lid section and in which said through-hole is formed is pivotally joined to said container section so as to open and close the cosmetic container, and said handle is exposed in the undersurface of said lid section opposite said upper surface.

7. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic container comprising a container section, a lid section for opening and closing the cosmetic container, and one or two replaceable covers replaceably attached on, and covering, at least either of said lid section or said container section, a recess formed on the outer surface of said lid section and/or said container section, an engaging member formed in said recess, a resiliently deformable handle formed on said replaceable cover and concealing said recess, and a coacting member formed on said handle to releasably engage said engaging member and adapted to be disengaged from said engaging member by the resilient deformation of said handle.